Tucker, John M.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. ROBINSON, NOWATEA, OKLAHOMA, AND RICHARD V. BURNES, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

R. I have a letter and he told me (inaudible)

B. I am aware of it.

R. I thought maybe he might want to see the letter.

B. All right who is--can you tell me something about the letter?

R. I have it. I could read it to you.

B. Well, I'm interested in hearing about it because right now see I don't know who you are or really what the letters are about or anything.

R. Yeah uh let me get it, and I'll read it to you.

B. All right, do you have it there?

R. I'll get it that quick. I hope. Are you ready?

B. Right

R. It says uh I'll read it exactly like it was wrote.

B. Okay

R. It says, "I, John M. Tucker, give this paper to J. J. Robertson on the above date putting my signature to it that its authority will be known. I was in New Orleans in the first--wait just a second--in the first quarter of 1962 and there I met an individual now under investigation for the conspiracy of the murder of John F. Kennedy. At the time I did not know of any conspiracy or plan and was never a member of any right or left wing party merely an individual exposed for a short time to the planning of a distorted person. I judge the individual to be something of a homosexual and thought to go along for a laugh. However, since the beginning of this investigation I have come to realize that the individual was none other than FERRIE--is that it--

B. FERRIE

R. He introduced himself and is now deceased. I was introduced to another person by FERRIE who is now very much alive and claims no knowledge of who FERRIE was." And is signed by JOHN TUCKER.

B. All right, now let me ask you something. Did he explain to you anything further besides the letter?

R. Yeah he did.

B. Who was the person he was referring to is alive?

R. As what?

B. Who is the live person he is referring to?

R. Just a minute.

B. Mr. Robinson?

R. It says here that sooner or later his name will come up in the investigation.

B. Uh huh

R. And uh if not that then my description of him--as he says here that sooner or later his name will come up in the investigation--this individual that gave me this.

B. Uh huh. Now let me ask you this uh what is your address where I can get in touch with you?

R. You have the phone number where you can get in touch with me.

B. Right, can you give me a street address or anything?

R. 108 N. McCaffero.

B. 108 where?

R. N. McCaffero

B. No. McCaffero, how do you spell McCaffero?

R. M-C C-A-F-F-E-R-O

B. Okay, and now what do you do for a living, normally?

R. Ah I'm just a mechanic.

B. Are you employed at any particular place now?

R. Yes sir.

B. Could you tell me where it is?

R. For my father.

B. All right, and where is his business located?

R. Tulsa, Oklahoma.

B. And what's the name of his business or how--in other words I want to be able to get in touch with you in case I need to call you about something.

R. Well, you can call me right here at this phone number which would be okay.

B. All right now uh this guy TUCKER, how can I get in touch with him?

R. Uh the last time I seen him he was in Muskogee. He was going to Muskogee.

B. Well now isn't that where Norman, Oklahoma is and Oklahoma City, around in there?

R. Muskogee?

B. Uh huh

R. No, Muskogee is right over here by Tulsa.

B. Oh, I see. You wouldn't know how to get in touch with him now?

R. No, not right off I wouldn't, but I could probably write a letter make two or three phone calls and get in touch with him.

B. I would like to get in touch with him, you know, as a witness. I'd also like to get a copy of that statement if it's at all possible.

R. Well that's the reason why I saved it.

B. Uh huh

R. He told me that if anything was to happen to him to mail this to you.

B. Uh huh

R. I decided I'd go ahead and do it anyway.

B. Well if you would, it would help us an awful lot you know for us to have this information. I'd really like to get, you know, the name of your daddy so that I could locate you through him in case we ever lost connection with each other if you feel like you can give it to me now I wouldn't alert him to anything, you know, if I had to call you.

R. Well, I'll tell you what. . .

B. You see what my problem is that you may move and you may be intending to let me know and a couple of weeks may pass or something and uh it would help a lot if I knew how to get in touch with you.

R. Well if you want to write a letter or if you want to call me, you can call me at this phone number because I'll always be within hollering distance of it.

B. Okay, now how far is Nowatea from Tulsa?

R. Ah fifty-two miles.

B. Fifty-two miles and you drive to work each day over in

R. _____

B. Right uh all right I guess this is the information and you will send me a copy of the letter?

R. Well, would you rather have a photostatic copy of it?

B. Either a copy or the letter, either one will be fine.

R. Well look here I'll tell you what I can do. I can mail this letter just as it's written here.

B. Uh huh

R. And another little piece of paper which I didn't read to you. I'll just stick it right in there.

B. Uh huh

R. And mail this to you.

B. Uh huh. Did he tell you who this other man is, in other words. . .

R. Yes he did. He told me a lot of things about it.

B. Can you tell me who it is?

R. No, I can't remember what that guy's name was. I'll tell you what he did. He was uh a manufacture.

B. Coffee Company?

R. No, I believe it was clothing.

B. Uh huh, clothing manufacture?

R. Yes sir.

B. And uh

R. I'd know his name if I'd ever hear it.

B. Well, the thing is I don't know the names of all the people under investigation. It may be that we have the name but. . .

R. You do?

B. I said it may be, but I mean I wouldn't know--necessarily know because they're a lot of us working on it, see.

R. Yeah

B. So that's why uh

R. I wish I could remember the name, but he didn't put any name in here except FERRIE or FARRIE or whatever. . .

B. FERRIE

R. FERRIE?

B. Right. Now did he tell you anything about this clothing manufacture or anything else or any other information that you can pass on to me?

R. He told me that they were at a party.

B. Uh huh

R. And at the time he knew that there was something connecting a big politician involved.

B. Uh huh

R. And uh that they asked him to go along with--I don't see why that he didn't because he's that type of person anyway.

B. Um hum, you mean he's involved in criminal conduct himself?

R. Um hum

B. Uh huh

R. And this says here that I knew there was something in the wind about a big politician, but I didn't know what or who at the time.

B. Uh huh

R. And FERRIE introduced me to several people.

B. Uh huh. Did he ever mention the name of CLAY SHAW to you at any time?

R. CLAY SHAW, that's it.

B. That is the person?

R. That's the person.

B. That's the person. Well he is presently under charges down here.

R. Yeah, well that's him.

B. Um hum. Did he use the name CLAY BERTRAND also or not?

R. BERTRAND?

B. BERTRAND, CLEM OR CLAY BERTRAND.

R. CLAY BERTRAND, well is he known as BERT?

B. I don't know.

R. If he's known as BERT, he did but otherwise I couldn't say.

B. Well, this is going to help us a lot. I do wish you could tell us how to get in touch with TUCKER you know someway where we could see if he wants to help us.

R. Well, I'll try.

B. All right, I'll appreciate it very much.

R. And if I can get in touch with him I'll have to--I don't know what he'll say.

B. Um hum

R. But he was had a feeling he was going to get into bad trouble or something over there.

B. Um hum

R. And he told me if he did come up missing or anything like that to mail this letter down there to Mr. Garrison.

B. All right well let me say this. If he didn't have any part in any plan or plot or conspiracy, there's no way that he could get in trouble from us uh if he's a witness there's just no way that he could get in any trouble. Quite frankly if he took part in something like that, he would be in trouble if we found out about it uh naturally, but the point of it is if he's just a witness, just happened to be there and had no participation, he'd have nothing to worry about and if we used him as a witness and he had to come down here, we would certainly pay the expenses to bring him down here which you know we're required to do under law anyway. But we would try not to embarrassed him. I'd quite frankly like to talk to him and see if uh what information he has. Do you think he was telling you the truth or do you think that he was making it up?

R. Yes, I really believe the boy was.

B. Well I. . .

R. He has no reason to tell me lies about anything and the way he talked we were always discussing socialism and what not.

B. Uh huh

R. And uh he's pretty well set on his way of life.

B. Uh huh. Well if you can help me get him to find out how to locate him, I will certainly appreciate it and I will look forward to the letter.

R. I'll register this

B. You can send it either to Jim Garrison or Richard Burnes.

R. Richard Burnes? let me write this (Mae, could have a piece of paper please uh I'd rather have a tablet, I can use it to write on) You say Richard Burnes?

B. Right B-U-R-N-E-S and I'm an Assistant District Attorney

R. I need a pencil too, my ballpoint pen ran out of ink. B-U-R-N-E-S?

B. That's correct and I'm an Assistant District Attorney,

R. Assistant District Attorney

B. 2700

R. 2700

B. Tulane Avenue

R. Tulane? T-U-L-A-N-E?

B. Right, New Orleans, Louisiana.

R. New Orleans?

B. New Orleans, Louisiana.

R. LA. Okay

B. Now what was TUCKER's first initials again?

R. "J"

B. "J" was it "J. J." or what?

R. No, JOHN M.

B. JOHN M. TUCKER

R. Um hum

B. About how old is he?

R. Right at 31,32

B. 31 or 32. About what kind of work does he normally do?

R. I swear I couldn't say, but I believe now that he's a salesman.

B. All right.

R. That's what he's always done.

B. I'm going to need your help to get in touch with him, and I'd love to have an address from him.

R. I don't know for sure.

B. The truth is since you're the only one that knows how to get in touch with him, I won't be able to find him unless you could help me do it, see.

R. Well, I'll help you all I can.

B. And I'll appreciate it very much. Well I'll look for a letter from you then.

R. Okay, I'll just fold it up just like I received it.

B. Okay, thank you very much.

R. Um hum

B. Good-bye

R. Good-bye